

SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

There will be a public hearing meeting of the **Finance Labor Subcommittee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Thursday, September 15, 2005** at the hour of **1:00 P.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

272038 AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioner; Co-sponsored by Gregg Goslin and Carl R Hansen, County Commissioners.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on September 15, 1998, the Cook County Board of Commissioners enacted the Cook County Living Wage Ordinance to establish meaningful employee compensation for lowest wage individuals employed by a person or business entity awarded a contract or subcontract with Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2004, said Ordinance was amended to require compensation of the living wage for services performed or produced by lowest paid individuals employed by a person or business entity awarded a contract or subcontract with Cook County or by a for-profit person or business entity of an owner occupied property who receives or renews a Class 6b or Class 9 property tax incentive pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance (Ordinance 02-O-14); and

WHEREAS, there are currently approximately 3,500 units which are certified as supportive living facilities by the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid, with 1,700 such units being located in Cook County, and another 3,000 new units are in the planning stages, with 1,500 new units currently planned for occupancy in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, said 2004 Amendment has created an impediment to the Illinois Supportive Living Program within Cook County, thereby diminishing a key component of housing and health services for the elderly and low income populations in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance has created a "chilling effect" on possible new units being built in our county, discourage renewals of Class 6b and Class 9 incentives, and ultimately may place current Cook County HOME funds, used to finance many of these projects, in jeopardy of default.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COOK that the Cook County Living Wage Ordinance (05-O-02) is hereby amended as follows:

- Section 1. Living Wage Requirements.**
- Section 2. Applicability.**
- Section 3. Severability.**
- Section 4. Effective Date.**

***Referred to the Committee on Finance Labor Subcommittee on 7/12/2005.**

The public may testify at this meeting. Persons wishing to testify should give their name and the name of any organization they are representing to the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, County Building, Telephone: (312) 603-6127. Also you can register at the above location, at the time of the meeting. Each organization will be limited to one speaker. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. Speakers are requested to submit 30 copies of any written statement to the committee.

Michelle Harris, Secretary

- Chairman: Murphy
- Vice-Chairman: Moreno
- Members: Butler, Gorman, Hansen, Maldonado, Sims